

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR		
PAUL'S JOURNEY OF CROSS CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION: ACCEPTANCE		
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
September 21, 2025		
Preaching	Worship Leader	Pianist/Organist
Phil Yoder	Melissa Friesen	Anne Marie Spelman
Gathering		
Music Calls Us to Worship	Theme from <i>Swan Lake</i> Avila Spelman, piano	P. Tchaikovsky
Welcome, Announcements, Centering		
Candle Lighting		Steve & Carol Baskauf
Prelude	<i>Thus Spoke Brooks</i> Jori Mast, piano	Shoji Meguro
Invocation		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	VT 28
*Responsive Reading – selections from I Corinthians 12		
One: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body		
Many: —Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—		
One: and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.		
Many: The body does not consist of one member but of many.		
One: If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,”		
Many: that would not make it any less a part of the body.		
One: God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.		
Many: If all were a single member, where would the body be?		
One: God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member.		
Many: If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;		
One: if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.		
All: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.		
*Hymn	<i>We Praise Thee, O God</i>	VT 91

Telling God’s Story		
Conversation with Children		Linda Headings
	<i>Siyahamba (We Are Marching)</i>	VT 793
	<i>Xhosa; coming forward, English; returning to seats</i>	
Community Prayer		Carrie Mast
	<i>The Lord’s Prayer (Miller)</i>	VT 673
Scripture	Acts 15:1–21	Monica & Steve Harnish
Message	<i>Where Are the Gifts?</i>	
Living God’s Story		
*Hymn of Response	<i>Life-Giver, Maker, God of All</i>	VT 38
Offering		
Invitation		
Offertory	<i>Gymnopédie No.1</i>	Erik Satie
*Prayer of Dedication		
Sending		
*Hymn of Sending	<i>Draw the Circle</i>	VT 802
*Benediction		
*Postlude		
* Please rise in body or in spirit – VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)		
 : Anabaptist Heritage Hymn		
Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.		
Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.		
Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.		
Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you’re welcome to come back.		
As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”		